

Historic Name: Lewis, E. H., House		County: Carver
Common Name: E.H. Lewis House		Community: Chaska
Owner's Name and Address: Mr. Robert Sorenson 321 West Second Street Chaska, Minnesota 55318		Address/ Legal Desc. : 321 West Second Street
Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Acreage: Less than 1 acre
Condition: Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Chaska Plat W. 20' x 30' of Lot 9 Lot 10 Block 41
Open to the Public: Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Visible from the road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
Occupied: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Present Use: Residence	
History: Date Constructed: Ca.1870 Original Owner: _____ Architect/Builder: Unknown Original Use: Residence		UTM Reference: 15 / 452210 / 4958950 Shakopee Quad
Description: The E.H. Lewis House occupies a large wooded lot at 321 West Second Street. The two story house is constructed on an L-plan of buff-colored Chaska brick. The house retains a significant degree of its original East Lake design features. Characteristics of this style exhibited in the exterior of the house include a front and side porch with turned posts and scroll sawn railings, diamond patterned wood shingles in the gable ends, incised pattern over first story windows, and a bay window with patterned shingles. The house is in a good state of preservation.		Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____
Significance: This house, built ca.1870, is significant as the residence of two of Chaska's leading families -- the Lucius Faber family and the Dr. E.H. Lewis family. Architecturally, it is significant as a well-preserved residence that has retained a significant degree of original design integrity. The Faber family was involved with Chaska's commercial growth from the mid-1850s well into the 20th century. The Faber family built and operated Chaska's first hotel, the Chaska House from 1855 until 1857. The Faber family, in partnership with Florian Linenfelser, established Chaska's earliest and largest mercantile trade. In addition, they owned and operated numerous small businesses in Chaska. E.H. Lewis was a prominent doctor in Chaska from 1872 until the turn-of-the-century. During the decade of the 1870s he lived in Carver but maintained an office in Chaska. In 1880 Lewis purchased this house and established a medical practice on Chaska's main street.		Status: Survey _____ Date _____ Local _____ State <u>9/77</u> Nat'l. Reg. _____ Nat'l. Land. _____ HABS/HAER _____
		Theme/s: Primary <u>Commerce/Medicine</u> Secondary <u>Architecture</u> Other _____
		Local Contact/Org.: Heritage Committee, Carver County Historical Society
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